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## Wabash Plain Dealer temporarily cutting back on pages due to sports cancellations

Due to the cancellation of college and professional sports, the Wabash Plain Dealer is cutting back the number of pages of the daily newspaper temporarily. Local high school sports are temporarily canceled, but our news reporters will strive to bring you local coverage of our student-athletes inside of our A-section. The Wabash Plain Dealer is devoted to providing the best product to its customers and appreciates the support of the community during this time. Thank you.

## Wabash Plain Dealer offices closed to the public through March 27

Following is a message from David Holgate, Group President, PMG Community Newsgroup, LLC:

"To reduce risks to our employees, the Wabash Plain Dealer office will be closed to the public through March 27. Our employees will continue their work to get important information out to the community, and customers can reach our office by phone and email. We will continue to publish a paper five days a week and provide our readers with news and information just like we have done for 160 years. Our coverage of COVID-19 will be posted on our website [www.wabashplaindealer.com](http://www.wabashplaindealer.com) as soon as possible and updated throughout the day. It is never easy to deny access to our business, a community business, but these are unprecedented times and require unprecedented decisions. To reach our office, call 260-563-2131 or email [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com). Thank you for your continued support of the Wabash Plain Dealer."

## Online paywall removed for Wabash Plain Dealer stories on COVID-19

On the Wabash Plain Dealer's website, the paywall for stories related to COVID-19 has been removed. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updates.

## Wabash County code under a yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

## Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

■ Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.  
■ Honeywell Foundation: All

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# Primary election moved to June 2

All dates corresponding with previously scheduled May 5 primary moved 28 days

## Staff REPORT

Gov. Eric Holcomb joined Secretary of State Connie Lawson, Republican Party Chair Kyle Hupfer and Democratic Party Chair John Zody on Friday to announce an agreement to move the date of this year's Indiana primary election from May 5 to June 2, according to a

press release.

All dates corresponding with the primary election will be moved by 28 days to reflect the new date of the primary. For example, military and overseas ballots are required to be mailed 45 days before the primary election, so they'll move 45 days before June 2.

Holcomb signed an executive order to suspend Indiana's election statute and move the dates.

Also, Holcomb, Lawson, Indiana Republican Party Chairman Hupfer and Indiana Democratic Party Chairman John Zody made the

following recommendations to the Indiana Election Commission:

■ Suspend absentee by-mail rules to allow all Hoosiers the option to vote by mail in the upcoming primary election.

■ Allow county clerks to continually mail ballots from now through 12 days out from the new primary election date.

■ Confirm ballots with a May 5 date will be valid.

■ Enable medical professionals to be eligible members of traveling boards to vote nursing home and hospi-

tal patients.

■ Give family members the ability to deliver absentee ballots. Currently only a member of a voter's household may take possession of their ballot.

Indiana Election Commission Chairman Paul Okeson has called a meeting of the Indiana Election Commission at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 25 to discuss the recommendations. The meeting will be held in the south atrium of the Indiana Statehouse.

"Hoosiers have always come together in times of crisis and today's bipartisan

announcement to move Indiana's primary election to June 2 is yet another example of that unity. Moving our primary is not a step we took lightly, but it is necessary. Moving to June 2 will provide for the safety and security of all involved in the election process and allow additional time for those tasked with the job of conducting the election to prepare. I'm grateful for the leadership of Gov. Holcomb and Secretary Lawson and appreciate Chairman Zody's commitment to a bipartisan solution," stated Hupfer, in a separate statement.

# Reaching out to voters, just not physically



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Ellen Marks speaks during a campaign stop last month at the Wabash County Democratic Party's regular meeting.

# State, federal candidates switch to digital campaigning due to COVID-19

## By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Democratic Second District Congressional candidates Pat Hackett and Ellen Marks both appeared Tuesday, Feb. 25 in the boardroom of the Honeywell Center during the monthly meeting of the Wabash County Democratic Party.

According to the Secretary of State's Office, Marks filed Jan. 13 and Hackett filed Jan. 29 for the seat currently held by Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana.

The ensuing discussion was lively, personal and covered a range of topics.

And given everything that's happened throughout the past few days regarding the growing COVID-19, campaign stops such as these might now seem like a quaint relic from a lost time.

Of the candidates, Marks was the first to announce a switch in how her campaign

would continue forward given the new norm of social distancing.

In a statement to the Plain Dealer on March 11, Kimberly Wilke, finance director for Ellen Marks for Congress, announced the campaign would

discontinue attendance at most large gatherings.

"The campaign noted that this is a difficult decision, because elections, particularly for first-time candidates like Marks, depend on building connections with

voters which can best be made through in-person meetings. However, she and her campaign believe this is the right call to protect constituents in the Second District. "Marks

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# Division of Family Resources offices close to the public indefinitely

Online and telephone services remain available for all Hoosiers

## Staff REPORT

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) announced Friday that Division of Family Resources (DFR) offices are closed to the public until further notice, "in the interest of taking every possible measure to protect Hoosier health and safety," according to a press release.

"The decision was made as FSSA and state health

leaders consider the best options for promoting social distancing to contain the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)," stated the release.

While DFR's physical locations are closed, online and telephone services will continue to operate as normal.

Visit the FSSA benefits portal at [www.fssabenefits.in.gov](http://www.fssabenefits.in.gov) to submit applications or submit changes to your case.

DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All scheduled appointments will take place via telephone. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.

Hoosiers in need of food or cash assistance or health coverage should submit applications for SNAP, TANF and health coverage through the FSSA benefits portal.

Health coverage applications can also be completed over the phone at 800-403-0864. Paper applications will be available outside each DFR local office in English and Spanish and can be submitted via mail.

# Parkview Wabash Hospital in need of surgical masks

Grow Wabash County issues call donations from the community

## Staff REPORT

Grow Wabash County asked "any of our investors, businesses or individuals that have new, unused dust or N95 masks that they are willing to donate" to bring them to Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, according to a Friday press release.

"With the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, our local healthcare system is being inundated with calls. While there

are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wabash County, testing is continuing of potentially affected individuals that are the most at risk. There is a worldwide shortage of this personal protective equipment including N95 masks," stated the release.

Take any unused masks to the Parkview Wabash Hospital ER and ask to speak with Marilyn in Administration.

"Thank you very much for your cooperation and continuing to pull together as a community as we work through these unprecedented times and work to ensure the safety

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# Coronavirus spread confirmed in more areas of Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana recorded its third coronavirus-related death and cases of the illness have now been found in all of Indiana’s largest population centers, health officials said Friday.

The latest death was that of a resident of Marion County over age 60 who had been hospitalized, they said.

Tests confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Evansville and Terre Haute areas, the latest population centers to have them, officials said.

Cities and counties across the state have issued emergency orders calling on residents to limit travel to only essential trips and have taken steps such as closing off playground areas.

Those come as the 23 new COVID-19 illnesses reported Friday by the Indiana State Department of Health raised the statewide total to 79.

But Gov. Eric Holcomb said he would need to see more signs of widespread spread of the virus before taking action such as governors in New York state and California in ordering nearly all residents to stay in their homes.

“The more people who practice social distancing, the less likely we get to the point to where we have to mandate sheltering in place,” Holcomb said.

The state’s health commissioner, Dr. Kristina Box, said several of the people infected in Indiana remain seriously ill, but that she couldn’t provide details.

More virus testing is coming for Indiana as Eli Lilly and Co. in Indianapolis was processing 200 tests on Friday and perhaps several hundred more over the weekend, Box said.

Indiana University Health, which has 17 hospitals around the state, announced it is now running coronavirus tests at its pathology laboratory, although priority is still going to seriously ill patients and health care workers who might have been exposed to the virus. The health system can run about 500 tests a day and plans to ramp up to as many as 2,500 tests a day, said Joe Meyer, senior vice president of system operations.

Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke said the confirmation of a case in Vanderburgh County should strengthen the community’s resolve.

“This certainly affirms everything that our health care professionals in the community have been saying for several weeks,” Winnecke said. “This should re-enforce the importance of social distancing. It should re-enforce the need for those who are most medically vulnerable to take action and self-isolate.”

Several cities and counties have adopted local restrictions after the governor in recent days ordered all schools remain closed until at least May 1, urged no public gatherings of more than 50 people and called on restaurants to stop in-person dining in favor of only drive-thru and carryout business.

Officials in Howard County, which includes Kokomo, approved an emergency ordinance effective Friday evening recommending only essential travel, such as to and from work, to medical care, for groceries, medication and other essential goods and services.

“People should be staying home,” county Commissioner Paul Wyman said. “Unless you absolutely have to be on the roads, you have to stay home.”

Business closures continued Friday as Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana, which has more than 4,000 workers, announced it has closed all 80 of its stores to shoppers until further notice. The group said it would continue accepting drive-up donations at its stores.

Holcomb said during a news conference announcing a monthlong delay of Indiana’s primary election until June 2 that state officials are continuously reviewing what additional actions are needed.

“My plea and my hope is that we all understand the gravity of what is surrounding us on a 24-hour, minute-by-minute basis,” Holcomb said. “The more people who are practicing what we’re preaching, the faster we’ll get through this.”

## 4 dead, 2 missing after vehicles swept off road

LAUREL (AP) — Four people died and two others were believed missing after floodwaters swept two vehicles off a southeastern Indiana roadway Friday, authorities said.

The van and pickup truck were located after Franklin County 911 received a call from a witness about 5 a.m. who reported seeing headlights off a roadway near the town of Laurel and hearing calls for help, Capt. Jet Quillen of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources said.

Responding authorities discovered a bridge over Sanes Creek had been partially washed away, he said.

“At this time, responders have recovered four deceased victims and believe two individuals are still missing,” he said. That belief was based on conversations with families of the four people killed, Quillen said.

Some 40-50 first responders and volunteers were searching Friday afternoon for the missing persons, it said.

“The water has receded quite a bit but there’s still high water in some areas,” he said.

The area had received 2-3 inches of rain overnight, he said.

The victims’ identities were not immediately released.

Laurel is about 55 miles southeast of Indianapolis.



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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:02 p.m.  
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 39°, humidity of 51%. North northeast wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 28°. Northeast wind 6 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 22°.

## Friend’s boyfriend has body odor

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** One of my friends told me about this guy that she has been dating for a while. She really likes his company and how much of a gentleman he is. The only downside is that he smells. I asked if he had any religious restrictions to washing, and she said he doesn't. She says his odor is so bad, it fills up a room and people avoid them. It sounded a bit extreme, but now she's saying that it's hard to be near him, and she is starting to be self-conscious. She worries that she smells bad when she's around him. This is a bit rough, but now that I think about it, how do you tell a person they smell bad in a nice way? Is there any way my friend can nicely tell her date about his body odor? – What to Say

**DEAR WHAT TO SAY:** One of the steps of intimacy is figuring out how to address tough subjects with each other. Hygiene is one of those extremely touchy subjects. What I have seen over time – and I hope this doesn't sound sexist – is that women can be positive influences on men in relationships in this way. Sometimes when men have been single for a long time, they have not paid close attention to things like body odor. Being in a relationship makes that a glaring concern. Your friend should tell her boyfriend that she has noticed that he sometimes has a strong scent. She can ask him what products he uses to bathe and potentially recommend or even give him products that may be helpful.

Your friend should know, too, that beyond religious concerns, sometimes people smell like the food that they eat. Depending on his diet, the smell may be exuding from his pores. That requires a completely different level of engagement to address. But basic hygiene is a good start. Chances are, he will be more mindful of bathing if she brings it up to him.


**DEAR HARRIETTE:** A former employee of mine is getting married. I have known about this for about a year. Naturally, I expected to be invited. Well, I just learned that most of the members of my staff who worked with her were indeed invited, but I was not. I have checked my mail every day for a couple of weeks, and I've received nothing. Should I check in with her to make sure it wasn't an oversight? I don't want to make waves, but I really can't believe that she wouldn't have invited me. – Passed Over

**DEAR PASSED OVER:** Resist the urge to ask your former employee if you were invited to her wedding. As much

as it stings right now, trust that you do not want to make her life any more challenging than it is. The chopping block for invitation lists is serious and mostly has to do with budget. Couples make tough decisions as they whittle down their lists. Perhaps this woman invited only former colleagues who were very close to her. Perhaps it was an oversight. Whatever the case may be, let her deal with it later rather than you bringing it up.

To the best of your ability, forgive her for her omission, too. If you truly care about her, send her a gift anyway, and do not hold a grudge. It's likely that lots of folks she cares about weren't invited.

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# National Spelling Bee called off because of coronavirus threat

By **BEN NUCKOLS**  
Associated Press

The Scripps National Spelling Bee won't be held as scheduled this year because of the coronavirus, meaning years of preparation by some of the country's top spellers could go for naught.

Scripps cited state and federal recommendations against large gatherings Friday as it canceled plans to hold the contest during the week of May 24. Scripps said it would try to resched-

ule for later this year but did not commit to a new date. It's possible the bee won't be held at all.

"Canceling the bee would cause an emotional breakdown for most spellers," Navneeth Murali, a 14-year-old bee veteran from Edison, New Jersey, told The Associated Press. "It would basically be crushing their dreams."

Navneeth's parents joined with families of other top spellers to send an email to executive director Paige Kimble, urging her to re-

schedule. Kimble expressed confidence that the logistics of holding a bee later this year could be worked out.

"If it is abundantly clear that it is safe to hold an in-person gathering, we're going to do everything we can possibly do to have that happen," Kimble told AP. "And if it isn't possible, we're going to do everything in our power to re-imagine something that would still happen for kids."

Most nationally competitive spellers devote years of their lives to mastering the dictio-

nary and learning roots and language patterns, hoping for a win before they age out.

Navneeth, who finished fifth in 2018 and 11th last year, is among the eighth-graders preparing for their last shot at the title.

"I've spent so many hours and made so many sacrifices in order to see this dream come true," he said.

The bee's rules require only that participants not move beyond eighth grade before Aug. 31, which means if this year's bee were held later than

that, the competition could include some ninth-graders for the first time.

The Scripps bee began in 1925 and this year's, if it happens, would be the 93rd. The contest was not held from 1943-45 because of World War II.

The postponement became inevitable as regional bees have been called off. Kimble said 97 of the 252 spots in the field expected to be filled by the winners of sponsored regional bees are vacant.

Among the spellers who

have yet to earn a spot is Simone Kaplan, who finished ninth last year – just behind the eight spellers known as "octo-champs" who tied for first place. Simone, a 14-year-old from Davie, Florida, had her regional bee called off earlier this week.

A bee held in the fall would present new challenges for the academically gifted teenager, whose nonstop, year-round bee preparation includes regular private coaching sessions.

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flow. Give local gift cards as much as they can, order carry-out and delivery as much as you can afford, share local businesses news and promotions on social media, and remember that we are all in this together. Small businesses though aren't just retail – there is a lot of uncertainty in all of our community – manufacturers, professional services, non-profits, education, and the like."

Gillenwater stated Grow Wabash County created a survey in partnership with several local organizations to collect information to gauge the local impact to all of our business community. The survey can be found by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/vsvmv4b>.

"We have been staying in constant contact with state, regional, and local officials as information is changing rapidly and we want to be able to serve the community the best that we can," he stated. "We will also be doing some local contests on Facebook in the coming days giving away some gift cards and gift checks that have to be spent locally, and we will continue to update our COVID-19 resource webpage ... We are all in this together."

For more information, visit <https://www.growwabashcounty.com/contact-us/covid-19-resources/>.

### Curb-side pick up available downtown

Wabash Marketplace, the downtown revitalization organization, is assisting businesses with a marketing campaign for shops offering "Curb-Side Pick Up," according to Andrea Zwiebel, executive director.

"Consider purchasing toys to entertain children at Tiny Threads, scheduling a private painting session at Custom Crafts, ordering a

vase of flowers to brighten someone's day at Wooden Ivy, and much more," she stated.

Zwiebel offered several ways to help local businesses:

- Purchase items using the Curb-Side Pick Up method.
- Call ahead to schedule solo experiences.
- Visit social media accounts and websites of local businesses.
- Consider buying gift cards to use at a later date.
- Sponsor 2020 Membership of a business in need by calling Wabash Marketplace at 260-563-0975.
- Share your thanks to local businesses.

Businesses can register for "Curb-Side Pick Up" for free.

For more information, visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org).

### Wabash Marketplace announces Business Interruption Loan

On Thursday, Zwiebel announced Wabash Marketplace's loan program to assist small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members of Wabash Marketplace are able to apply for the Business Interruption Loan.

There are no application fees and the loan offers up to \$5,000 for a maximum term of 24 months.

The Board of Directors of Wabash Marketplace unanimously voted to create the loan program at Tuesday's regularly scheduled meeting.

Those interested in the loan program are encouraged to review the loan details on the homepage of [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org). The next step is to email [info@WabashMarketplace.org](mailto:info@WabashMarketplace.org) or leave a message at -260-563-0975.

"If this loan program is not suitable for your business, there are additional resources available. Wabash Marketplace, along with the rest of Wabash County, is available to brainstorm

options," she stated.

### Small business assistance in response to COVID-19

Gov. Holcomb announced this week that Indiana small businesses are eligible for financial assistance under a disaster designation by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), stated State Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, on Friday.

This declaration is in response to a formal request Holcomb submitted with the SBA on Tuesday, seeking assistance through the organization's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in Indiana.

Under the program, small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and non-profits across the state are eligible to apply for low-interest loans up to \$2 million to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 outbreak. These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills incurred during this

public health emergency. The loan interest rates for small businesses and non-profits are 3.75 percent and 2.75 percent, respectively, with terms up to 30 years.

To apply for loans or receive more information about the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, visit [SBA.gov/Disaster](http://SBA.gov/Disaster). Contact 800-659-2955 or [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) with questions. The deadline to apply for the disaster loans is Dec. 18.

### Indiana Chamber offers statewide employer COVID-19 resources

In a statement Thursday, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce announced they had created a statewide employer resource page providing information under three umbrellas: Health, Tools You Can Use and Government and Community Assistance.

The group is also taking specific business questions that will be answered by staff and private sector professionals.

The site – [www.indianachamber.com/coronavirus](http://www.indianachamber.com/coronavirus)

– features guidance on key workplace and legal topics, a coronavirus toolkit and information on unemployment insurance from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, in addition to providing health and other government resources.

### Local businesses respond

On Tuesday, David K. Meier, CEO of Penguin Point Restaurant Group, released a statement regarding the forced closure of restaurants, bars and nightclubs in the state.

"The safety of our patrons and associates are very important to us. In response to the current crisis, all our restaurants will offer curbside pick-up for all call-in, carry-out orders. Our operating hours will remain the same, front lobbies will remain open for patrons on foot to order and pick up carry-out orders. All of our drive-through windows will be open, business as usual. ... Together we will survive this crisis even stronger," he stated.

In a Wednesday statement to the Plain Dealer, Maria Smyth from Eclectic Shoppe also issued a statement regarding reduced hours.

"We at Eclectic Shoppe thank everyone for their support. We have made the difficult decision to close the shop throughout the week and open on Fridays and Saturdays, normal business hours. This is our effort of doing the socially responsible thing while serving our customers and friends with some semblance of social distancing," she stated. "On Friday and Saturday, we will offer curbside pick-up, and customers will be allowed in the shop. We rarely have 10 people or more at any given time unless it is First Friday. We do ask people that are sick to stay home. Additionally and lastly, we are continuing with taking extra steps to ensure we are taking extra precautions with wiping down counters, displays and doorways."

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## MASKS

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of our healthcare professionals," stated the release. "Please forward this information to any Wabash County business in any industry to spread the word."



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### Catherine Pritchard

Sept. 18, 1955 – March 20, 2020

Catherine Sue “Cathy” Pritchard, 64, of North Manchester, Indiana, died at 3:50 a.m., Friday, March 20, 2020 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester. She was born Sept. 18, 1955 in Wabash, Indiana to Doyle Dean and Bonita S. (Rogers) Hoover.

Cathy was a homemaker and enjoyed helping others. She also enjoyed working on crafts and playing Bingo.

She is survived by two daughters, Sarah (Forest) Patterson and Jennifer (Justin) Wolpert, and five grandchildren, Abram Patterson, Clark Patterson, Evelyn Patterson, Glenda Patterson, and Ariella Wolpert, all of South Whitley, Indiana, sisters and brother, Carol Jean Hoover of Silver Lake, Indiana, William (Pennie) Hoover of Visalia,

California, Cynthia (Mike) Pyle of Silver Lake, Beverly (Roger) Sharritt of Fortville, Indiana, Patricia (John) Rathmacher of Story City, Iowa, Janice (Mike) Stilger of Champaign, Illinois, and Joyce (Lamar) Young of Indianapolis, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Private family funeral services will be at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Kurt Stout officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Preferred memorials are First Brethren Church in North Manchester, or Cardinal Services in Silver Lake.

The memorial guest book for Cathy may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### CAMPAIGN

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is also establishing a series of virtual town halls and will be available for one-on-one phone calls with interested constituents.”

The following day, Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb, who is running for re-election, announced his campaign had taken similar steps.

“The Holcomb campaign is in the process of postponing all campaign events for the remainder of March. We will reassess campaign activity going forward at that time,” stated Holly Lawson, campaign press secretary.

Holcomb’s Democratic challenger, Dr. Woody Myers recently visited the same monthly Wabash County Party meeting to discuss his campaign.

However, during the past few days, he has also held several virtual town hall dis-

cussions through Facebook.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, Zachery R. Potts, Walorski’s campaign manager, stated their campaign would be taking similar steps.

“This is a national emergency, and we all have to do our part to slow the spread of coronavirus. I urge all Hoosiers to follow President Trump’s guidelines for the coming weeks – do work and school from home when possible, skip non-essential travel, shopping trips, and social visits, and avoid groups of 10 or more people. My top priority is the health and safety of Hoosiers, and I will continue following CDC and ISDH guidance while working closely with local, state, and federal officials to ensure our public health authorities have the resources they need to protect our communities.”

On the same, day Walorski’s congressional office announced their staff in Indiana and Washington, D.C. were

shifting to telework “out of an abundance of caution regarding the potential spread of COVID-19.”

“With our country facing an unprecedented crisis, all Americans must take action to slow the spread of coronavirus and keep our communities safe,” stated Walorski. “In light of these circumstances, my staff in Indiana and our nation’s capital are currently working remotely. Hoosiers can rest assured we will be working for them each day – with a particular focus on ensuring constituent services continue uninterrupted – and our staff can be reached by phone and online during normal business hours. I will also continue working with state, local, and federal officials and my colleagues in Congress to ensure our public health authorities and health care providers have the resources and information they need and to provide economic relief to Hoosier workers, families,

and small businesses.”

Also on Thursday, Hackett’s campaign announced they were halting non-essential travel and postponing public gatherings.

“Campaign events for the rest of March have been postponed. Additionally, the campaign headquarters will be temporarily closed to non-staff, and campaign travel will be limited following local, state, and federal guidelines,” they stated.

The campaign announced they would also offer “Video Conference Town Halls to remain in communication with community members during this unprecedented time.”

In place of social phone banking, canvassing, and postcard writing, Hackett encouraged supporters to sign up for phone banking and postcard writing from their own homes.

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### PULSE

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events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended through Saturday, April 11.

■ Manchester Community Schools: Closed through Friday, May 1.

■ Manchester University: Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Classes for the Fort Wayne campus will resume on Monday, March 23. Classes for the North Manchester campus will resume on Wednesday, March 25. Effective 9 p.m. Sunday, March 22, residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed. This includes canceling all athletic competitions, most music concerts and performances, and in-person student activities. Some presentations and performances might move to online only. At this time, Manchester is finalizing details to allow Songs of the Island to be live-streamed on Facebook at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, without an audience. Spring Commencement ceremonies are canceled.

■ MSD: Closed through Friday, May 1. Current eLearning days are March 24, 26, 30 and April 1. Spring Break is scheduled from April 3 to 10.

■ North Manchester Public Library: Closed until Monday, March 30. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure.

■ St. Bernard School: Closed through at least Monday, April 6.

■ Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed through at least March 23. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice.

■ Wabash City Hall: All public meetings postponed through at least March 30. Public access to the building will be restricted during this time. Citizens should visit the city of Wabash website at [www.cityofwabash.com](http://www.cityofwabash.com) to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services.

■ Wabash City Schools: Closed through Friday, May 1. Current eLearning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, except for the week of April 6, which is spring break.

■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 3.

■ Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for

these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit [www.wabashcounty.in.gov](http://www.wabashcounty.in.gov) or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

■ Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public on Wednesdays and Fridays. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays there will be limited access to the building but individuals need to call in advance. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Judicial Center may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1239 or Wabash County Elections office at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238.

■ Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.

■ Woman’s Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.

■ WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

■ Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until at least April 13.

Meetings canceled, others live-streamed due to COVID-19 closures

■ The Wabash County Commissioners’ meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23 has been canceled.

■ The Wabash City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23 has been canceled.

■ The MSD School Board meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2020, will continue with no audience in the School Board room. MSDWC will continue to have the meeting streamed live on Facebook Live at [www.facebook.com/MSDWabashCounty](http://www.facebook.com/MSDWabashCounty). If you need to comment during the appropriate time in the agenda, you may comment on Facebook Live.

### Schools providing meals even during closures

■ MSD: “Grab-and-Go” breakfast and lunch packs available for any student or family. Families must sign up for the meals by completing the “Meal Sign Up Form,” which can be found on the homepage of each MSD school’s website at <https://www.msdlc.k12.in.us/>. Pickups are available at Metro-North Elementary and Southwood Jr./Sr. High School. These meals are free of charge, and can be picked up between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. on these set dates: Monday, March 23: one breakfast and two lunches; Wednesday, March 25: three breakfasts and three lunches; Monday, March 30: one breakfast and two lunches; and Wednesday, April 1: two breakfasts and two lunches.

■ Manchester Community Schools: MCS will begin offering breakfast and lunch for an

entire week beginning next week. The pick-up sites will remain the same; however, this will now be offered this on Saturday between 4 and 6 p.m. for the following week.

■ Wabash City Schools: Schools will serve food Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Monday and Wednesday will have two breakfasts and two lunches. Fridays are one breakfast and one lunch. Several Wabash Cafe locations will also be serving food Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 11 to 11:15 a.m. at Southside Firestation, 1470 Vernon St., City Park, 800 W. Hill St., and St. Matthew’s United Church of Christ, 1717 N. Wabash St. 11:45 to noon at Friendship Hill playground beside the YMCA, and Wabash North Wesleyan Church, 600 Manchester Ave.; and 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. at Hannah Park, 775 E. Hill St., Ivy Tech back parking lot, 277 N. Thorn St., and Church, 1206 N. Cass St.

### First United Methodist Church to stream services

First United Methodist Church will be streaming the Sunday morning worship service for the next few weeks at 10 a.m. through Facebook at [facebook.com/wabashfirstumc](https://facebook.com/wabashfirstumc).

### Living Well in Wabash County offers food, transportation, support

Wabash County Public Transportation will operate regular hours and services throughout Wabash County until otherwise announced. Dispatch will continue to be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to handle schedule cancellations and requests. The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475. To reduce senior isolation, the Friendly Caller Program may be reached by calling 260-563-4475 to request a daily call to check in on you during this time when seniors will be home more than usual.

### Access Youth Center offers free lunch sack on weekdays at two locations

The Access Youth Center’s

Drive-Thru will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and feature a lunch sack of snacks, protein and fruit provided at the door. Both locations will be open during this time: One on the south side, New Journey Community Church, 1721 N. Vernon St. and one downtown at the AYC headquarters at 74 W. Canal St. For more information, visit [www.accessyouthcenter.org](http://www.accessyouthcenter.org) or call 260-563-2070. On Mondays, Pizza King will be providing pizza for both locations.

### Second Harvest Food Bank seeks volunteers, donations

Those who are interested in volunteering may contact Kellie Arrowood, volunteer coordinator for Second Harvest, by calling the office at 765-287-8698, emailing [karrowood@curehunger.org](mailto:karrowood@curehunger.org) or visiting [www.CureHunger.org](http://www.CureHunger.org).

### North Manchester Moose Lodge offers free community hot meal

A free community hot meal will be served from 11 a.m. until it’s gone Sunday, March 22 at the Moose Family Center, 207 E. Main St., North Manchester. The menu includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans and cookie. Call 260-982-8211 starting at 9 a.m. to reserve meals, which will then be served at 11 a.m. Come to the back of the building and pick up your free meal. This will be for curbside pickup only.

### Wabash Community Band concert canceled

Wabash Community Band concert on Sunday, March 22 at Winchester Senior Center has been canceled.

### Wabash VFW Post 286 to serve children meals Monday

The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 286 will be passing out approximately 50 free lunches for children who need them from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, March 23 at 3678 W. Old 24. The lunches for curbside pick-up will consist of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or a cheese sandwich if your child has a nut allergy, carrots and celery sticks, and Jell-O or apple-sauce cups. If you would like one for your child, call 260-571-2045 to reserve one.

### New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events

■ Honeywell Center: Hairball

rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. “Finding Neverland” has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

■ Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series “Opus Two,” Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

■ Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

### Additional precautions in place at Parkview facilities

All Parkview facilities are implementing tightened visitor restrictions, and the Parkview Cancer Institute is adding procedures to protect cancer patients arriving for treatment or appointments. Additionally, due to the suspension of elective and non-urgent surgeries, Parkview Ortho Hospital and Parkview SurgeryONE will temporarily close. All Parkview Health hospitals and emergency departments have implemented a no visitor policy. Exceptions to this policy are limited to: Family Birthing Centers: One authorized adult visitor for the duration of a patient’s stay. Neonatal ICU: Two authorized adult visitors for the duration of a patient’s stay. Pediatrics: Two authorized adult visitors for the duration of the patient’s stay. Emergency departments: One authorized parent/guardian per pediatric patient for the duration of the patient’s stay.

### Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day postponed

The Wabash Kiwanis Club Board of Directors has officially voted to postpone Pancake Day, originally scheduled for March 14, to a later date, which will be determined as soon as possible.

### NMCH to host Smithsonian traveling exhibit

The North Manchester Center for History will be hosting the Smithsonian’s traveling exhibit, “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” through May 3 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester.

### Celebrate Ivy Tech in Wabash at Monopoly Night

Ivy Tech Community College is hosting its 11th annual Wabash Monopoly Night from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 in the Parkview Health Ballroom of Eagles Theatre, 106 W.

Market St. This event is open to the community. Guests must RSVP by April 15 to Laura Leichy by email at [lleichy@ivytech.edu](mailto:lleichy@ivytech.edu) or by phone 260-481-2243.

### Comedian Michael Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event

“Dia de Lagro” will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with comedian Michael Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit [lagrocanalfoundation.com](http://lagrocanalfoundation.com). Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email [lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com).

### Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elk’s Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org).

### NMPL reschedules St. Paddy’s Golden Egg Hunt

The free, all-ages event, now a “Summer Reading Themed Egg Hunt,” has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13 at the North Manchester Public Library.

### WCPL plans summer reading, ‘Bash Con’

“Bash Con is set to last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 26 at 188 W. Hill St. ‘Bash Con’s theme for this year is “Imagine Your Story” and free booth space is available for artists and vendors. Amateur artists are encouraged and welcomed. To register, visit <https://www.wabash.lib.in.us/bash-con>. For more information, call 260-563-2972.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

# Joy over finding love can't diminish pain of twin's loss

**DEAR ABBY:** I have had a serious boyfriend for six months. He's wonderful, a dream come true. But I find myself more depressed and suicidal than ever. Mom tells me I don't have any reason to be depressed since I have a boyfriend. It's like she thinks I have no right to still be despondent over my twin's death because I now have a significant other.

Dear Abby



My eating disorder and self-harm have gotten worse, too. I feel like I'm holding in so much sadness I'm not allowed to show that I'm turning it all inward in self-destructive ways. Although I love my boyfriend, I almost feel like breaking up just so everyone won't expect me to be Pollyanna anymore. The third anniversary of my twin's suicide is coming, which is making everything more unbearable. I just don't know what to do. I just want to disappear. — Things Aren't Ok

**DEAR THINGS:** If your mother truly believes a death in the family (particularly a twin!) is something that can be "fixed" by having a boyfriend, she is deluding herself. You need professional help and right away. There are support groups for survivors of a family member's suicide, and you are three years overdue for finding one. I urge you to contact the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Someone there can help you to locate a support group for the survivors of a loved one's suicide. To find them, go online to afsp.org.

If you are feeling suicidal, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and tell a counselor about what's going on. If you do, you can be directed to a licensed therapist in your community who can help. The toll-free number to call is 800-273-8255. PLEASE do not put it off.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter and I have been estranged on and off for many years, most recently for the last 22 months. At that time, she angrily took her 8-year-old daughter and left our home, where she had been living since another eviction. She said she was going to tell everyone I kicked her out. Then she blocked me on Facebook, removed my access to my granddaughter's classroom progress reports and my name from the school emergency card. I had no idea where they went. My poor granddaughter was in tears. She had been upset moving back in with us again, and told me she wished her mom would get a job so they could stay in one place for real.

After no contact, I have been told my daughter is being married. "Save the date" cards have gone out. I have no desire or intention of going to a wedding of someone who has spent half her life being cruel to me, lying, ignoring me, being jealous at her sister's wedding and so on, with never an apology for her horrible behavior. She's a Jekyll and Hyde.

We live in the same community, and I do all I can to avoid seeing her. I'm happy for her and delighted my granddaughter will finally have a bedroom of her own, but I have no intention of playing happy family to someone who regularly sharpens knives in my back. How do I answer any inquiries that may come up about the wedding? — Can't Take Any More

**DEAR CAN'T:** Do not engage in a litany of complaints and accusations. You can get the message across to anyone who asks about the wedding by saying that you are not involved in the planning of the wedding and questions should be directed to your daughter. You do not have to discuss it further. It's short and sweet and gets the message across.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Gentle

5 "The Real World" channel

8 Winner's medal

12 Unwrap

13 Gleeful shout

14 Brain wave

15 Water the house-plants

16 Sikhism or Taoism

18 Twosomes

20 Daystar

21 That, to Juanita

22 Most cautious

25 Like 7 and 11

28 Memorable first

29 Europe-Asia range

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37 Tree secretions

39 Chooses

40 Prominent nose

42 A great many

43 Cheer up

46 — step further

49 Business deg.

50 Fall mo.

53 Pine for

56 Fastener

58 Dog in "Beetle Bailey"

59 Want-ad letters

60 — off (reserve)

61 Hey, you!

62 W-2 info

63 — Major

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1 Booster seat user

2 Imitated

3 PC list

4 Grant money for

5 Taint

6 Grad student's bane

7 Prizes

8 Temporary job

9 Comics dog

10 Durocher and Tolstoy

11 Carvey of "Wayne's World"

17 — and outs

19 Quaff with sushi

23 Disposed of

24 Pulls

25 Ricelike

26 Heart-felt

27 Force

30 Stir up

31 Part of A.D.

32 Perchance

34 Grab a snack

37 Informer

38 Barely manages

40 Kits and cubs

41 Deletes a file

44 Nonflying bird

45 First P.M. of India

46 Mashed potato serving

47 Cereal grains

48 Diligent insects

51 Third-rate

52 Pinnacles

54 Figured out

55 Sweetie-pie

57 Mauna —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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5	3	9	7	4	8	2	6	1
1	6	4	8	2	9	7	5	3
3	9	5	4	7	1	6	8	2
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4	2	3	6	1	7	5	9	8
9	8	6	5	3	4	1	2	7
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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CYIPS

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WHRONT

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Yesterday's Jumbles: SKIER DRAWN MOOLAH CAJOLE  
Answer: They were developing the wooded property for homes and beginning to — MAKE INROADS

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“Why don’t you run outside and play, Billy? I’ll call you if I need you.”

BIL AND JEFF KEANE

## BEETLE BAILEY

I USED TO LOVE SLEEPING OUTDOORS AT NIGHT, LISTENING TO THE CRICKETS, CICADAS, OWLS AND COYOTES

ZZZZZ  
SNKZZ!  
BZZAW!  
SNORK!  
URP!  
SNIK  
KOFF

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GREG TAMMART WALKER

## BLONDIE

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ELMO?

MY MOM IS DOING HER ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING

AND I WAS THE FIRST THING TO GO!

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## HI & LOIS

LOIS SAID, "IT'S TOO COLD TO PLAY GOLF TODAY."

BUT SHE STILL LET YOU GO.

I GOT AN ICY STARE.

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## BC

WAITE RUSSIAN

WHAT'S BEHIND YOUR UNCLE'S POLITICAL FACEBOOK MEME

WILEY'S DICTIONARY

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## WIZARD OF ID

HOW MUCH LONGER BEFORE YOU FINISH SHOEING MY HORSE?

BLACKSMITH

JUST RELAX, HE'S ALMOST DONE

TOSS

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## DILBERT

I HIRED YOU TO PREDICT THE FUTURE OF OUR INDUSTRY, BUT EVERYTHING YOU SAY MAKES ME SAD.

DON'T BLAME ME. I ONLY PREDICT THE FUTURE. I DON'T MAKE THE FUTURE.

UNLESS YOU BUY MY SPECIAL PLATINUM-LEVEL SERVICE. NICE UPSSELL.

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## GARFIELD

RRRRRRRRRR

RRRRRRRRRR

A WATCHED MICROWAVE NEVER DINGS

HOW LONG DO THESE PIZZA ROLLS TAKE?

RRRR

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## FORT KNOX

THANKS FOR GETTING MY MINIP REAPING HELMET BACK FROM KURT.

I'M GOING TO LOCK IT UP UNTIL I REALLY NEED IT.

AND WHEN WILL THAT BE?

WHEN I START PATING.

NO PROBLEM, NORMAN.

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## PICKLES

ANYTHING GOOD IN THE MAIL?

A CARD FROM OUR GARBAGE COLLECTOR.

THEY'RE CHANGING THE DAY AND TIME OF OUR GARBAGE PICK-UP.

THEY'RE NOT PICKING IT UP ON THURSDAYS ANYMORE? WHAT'S THE NEW PICK-UP DAY?

I DON'T KNOW. IT SAYS WE HAVE TO GUESS.

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# God is the God of love

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** How can the Bible claim that God cannot look upon evil yet judge evil people? — P.S.

**A:** Admittedly it is hard to understand many things in Scripture, but it is not because Scripture is wrong; it is because mankind is made up of weak and imperfect people, unable to scarcely grasp the overwhelming perfection and holiness of God. We have become so used to sin that we can't imagine anyone being absolutely perfect. But God is! Because God is holy, He never does wrong — ever.

God's holiness is righteous and pure. The Bible says, "Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing" (Habakkuk 1:13, NIV). Certainly, God

notices evil and condemns it. The passage is clarifying that He will not look upon evil and tolerate it. He will indeed judge sin, and doing evil is sin.

The Bible says that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). We stand guilty and condemned before Him, worthy only of His judgment and condemnation. Apart from Christ and His work on the cross, we have no hope of Heaven, because even one sin contaminates us and makes us unfit to come into God's presence. We must never take the ho-

liness and judgment of God lightly, for it is the very essence of His character.

But God is also the God of love (1 John 4:8). This makes all the difference. Behind every dealing God has with us is His perfect love. It was love that caused Him to create us, and it was love that caused Him to send His Son to redeem us. His love pursues us and draws us to Himself, and His love will someday take those who believe in Him into His presence forever. God says to us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“EMVK ZGW VKC WS MPSSADZ  
IPOOAVC, VUVK RMV LPADV C  
OVDPRAGKTMAS T M PUV EGOBVC  
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## USA Swimming urges delay of Tokyo Games

DENVER (AP) — The head of USA Swimming urged the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee to push for a 12-month postponement of the Tokyo Games, signaling the first fissure between powerful American factions attempting to maneuver the U.S. team through the coronavirus crisis.

CEO Tim Hinchey sent a letter Friday to his counterpart at the USOPC, Sarah Hirshland, calling for the delay.

“Everyone has experienced unimaginable disruptions, mere months before the Olympic Games, which calls into question the authenticity of a level playing field for all,” Hinchey wrote. “Our athletes are under tremendous pressure, stress and anxiety, and their mental health and wellness should be among the highest priorities.”

## AP source: Falcons agree to 1-year deal with Gurley

ATLANTA (AP) — Todd Gurley didn’t wait long to find his new NFL home.

The Atlanta Falcons didn’t wait long to celebrate the deal.

“WE GOT HIM,” the Falcons exclaimed on their Twitter account early Friday, soon after news emerged of Gurley’s \$6 million, one-year deal with the Falcons.

The agreement was confirmed to The Associated Press by a person familiar with the deal. The person confirmed the agreement on condition of anonymity because the deal will not be official until Gurley passes a physical. The league isn’t allowing players to report to new teams immediately for those physicals during the coronavirus pandemic.

The agreement was reached less than 24 hours after Gurley was released by the Los Angeles Rams on Thursday. The three-time Pro Bowl running back was released minutes before \$10.5 million in his contract with the Rams became fully guaranteed.

The Falcons had good reason to celebrate the news. They needed a replacement for Devonta Freeman as the leader of their ground game, and Gurley’s arrival should be good news for ticket sales.

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## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

# IHSAA names Neidig as next commissioner

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The IHSAA executive committee named John (Paul) Neidig its next commissioner on Friday, less than 24 hours after outgoing commissioner Bobby Cox announced the first cancellation of the boys basketball tournament in more than a century.

In January, Cox announced he would be retiring. Neidig will officially take over Aug. 1.

The 56-year-old Neidig,

a native of Poseyville, Indiana, has spent 34 years in secondary education and athletic administration and has served as an IHSAA assistant commissioner since 2017. During his career, he’s presided over boys basketball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track and field and unified track and field.

He will become the 11th commissioner in the governing body’s history.

“I’m very humbled to be chosen to become the next commissioner of the IHSAA,” Neidig said in a statement. “I’m proud to be a part of this organization and lead it into the future. Our primary focus will continue to be promoting and supporting education-based athletics in our state. Also, I ask everyone to please be safe during these unprecedented times. Listen to our state’s health experts and take care

of yourselves and your family and we will get through these difficult times.”

Neidig spent 31-years working in the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp., serving in various roles including chief of staff, deputy chief of staff, chief administrative officer and athletics director in addition to working as a teacher and head coach of the boys basketball team.

He worked on the IHSAA’s

board of directors from 2004 to 2017 and was chairman of the executive committee three times.

“Paul has some great thoughts and ideas about how to continue leading the association and its member schools,” executive committee chairman and Knightstown athletic director Matt Martin said. “We feel the organization is in great hands and we look forward to working with him.”

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



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Southwood’s Carson Rich (14) is introduced prior to the sectional final game against Lakeland Christian.

# IHSAA cancels boys’ basketball state tournament

## STAFF REPORTS

Nearly one week after initially placing limits on the spectators that could attend the state tournament and six days removed from postponing the tournament indefinitely, the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) officially canceled the state tournament on Thursday.

“It is with great sadness and disappointment that we inform Hoosiers of the cancellation of the remaining

games of the 2020 IHSAA boys basketball tournament series,” IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox said in a press release. “While the Association maintained every hope of continuance, it is now evident those hopes are now unreachable. Albeit there will not be regional, semi-state and state championships crowned across our four classifications, the health and safety of our public remains paramount and our primary focus.”

The decision came just

hours after Indiana governor Eric Holcomb’s directive that all schools in the state be closed until at least May 1.

That move put further roadblocks in front of the IHSAA as they looked for a timeline to be able to continue the tournament into the spring.

The Southwood boys’ basketball team was slated to compete in the regional last week at Frankfort. The Knights were set to meet Class No. 7 Covington

while Blue River and Cowan were to meet in the second contest.

Southwood won the sectional earlier this month with a 78-25 win over Lakeland Christian in the final. In the semi-final, Southern Wells won 69-44.

This will be the first year in over 100 years that the high school basketball season will come to an end without a state tournament. This year, 64 teams were still alive in the tournament across the four classes.

# Dayton’s Obi Toppin leads AP All-American team

## By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Basketball Writer

The college basketball season came to an emphatic, dramatic end with the cancellation of the NCAA Tournament. The dream of playing under the bright lights of March Madness, of possibly hoisting a national championship trophy, wiped out by the coronavirus.

For a handful of players, earning a postseason honor offers a glimmer of happiness amid the uncertainty.

“Getting these awards, it brings brightness to my life right now,” Seton Hall’s Myles Powell said. “To have it end so quickly was just like ... man.”

Powell added to his load Friday when he joined Dayton’s Obi Toppin, Iowa’s Luka Garza, Marquette’s Markus Howard and Oregon’s Payton Pritchard on The Associated Press

All-America first team.

Toppin was the lone unanimous choice, receiving 65 votes from a nationwide media panel after averaging 20 points and 7 rebounds while shooting 63 percent in a breakout season. The 6-foot-9 sophomore helped the third-ranked Flyers match the program’s highest ranking and be on track for a potential No. 1 seed before the NCAA Tournament was shelved. He is Dayton’s first first-team AP All-American.

“I feel like everybody just knew what they had to do to help the next person succeed and that’s why I was so successful this year,” Toppin said. “I thank my teammates every single day for that.”

Garza blossomed into one of college basketball’s best players as a junior. A 6-11 forward, he increased his scoring average more than 10 points from a year ago to 23.9 per game, averaged 9.8

rebounds and shot 54 percent from the floor.

Garza set Iowa’s single-season scoring record with 740 points and is the first Big Ten player since Ohio State’s Dennis Hopson in 1987 to have at least 20 points in 16 straight conference games. He is Iowa’s first first-team All-American since Chuck Darling in 1952.

“I never could have envisioned this,” Garza said. “It’s honestly crazy, but it’s what I did all the work for and what I’m going to continue to strive for. It kind of adds motivation for me just knowing that putting in the hard work, it can all pay off and makes me grateful for the situation I’m in and the program I’m at.”

Howard was a second-team AP All-American as a junior last season after finishing fifth nationally in scoring at 25 points per game. The 5-11 senior upped his scoring av-

erage to 27.8 points to lead the nation in 2019-20 and finished seventh in NCAA history with 434 career 3-pointers.

“It’s truly amazing to be mentioned among other great players across the country,” said Howard, the first Marquette player to make the first team since Dwyane Wade in 2003. “It’s truly an honor and definitely means a lot. It’s definitely something I wouldn’t be able to accomplish myself. There were so many people who helped me accomplish that.”

Powell bypassed a shot at the NBA to return for his senior season.

A preseason AP All-American, the 6-2 guard averaged 21 points per game, 17th nationally, with 4.3 rebounds and 2.9 assists. Behind Powell, No. 15 Seton Hall earned a share of its first Big East Conference regular-season title since 1993.

# Brady signs with Tampa Bay

## By FRED GOODALL

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A new look for the NFL: Tom Brady in Tampa Bay pewter and red rather than Patriots red, white and blue.

The six-time Super Bowl champion quarterback signed a two-year contract in free agency on Friday, embarking on a “new football journey” with the Buccaneers. The deal guarantees \$50 million and includes a \$10 million signing bonus and \$15 million salary for 2020.

The 42-year-old quarterback who spent the first 20 years of his career with the Patriots announced his decision in an Instagram post, adding he’s thankful for the opportunity.

“Excited, humble and hungry ... If there is one thing I have learned about football, it’s that nobody cares what you did last year or the year before that,” Brady wrote.

“I look forward to meeting all my new teammates and coaches and proving to them that they can believe and trust in me,” the four-time Super Bowl MVP added. “I have always believed that well done is better than well said, so I’m gonna not gonna say much more. I’m just gonna get to work!”

The signing comes three days after Brady announced on social media that he would not return to New England, ending his historic run with the Patriots.

He joins an offense that led the NFL in passing yards last season, featuring a pair of 1,000-yard receivers in Mike Evans and Chris Godwin, tight ends O.J. Howard and Cameron Brate, and a young, developing running back in Ronald Jones.

What the Bucs didn’t have in 2019, when they went 7-9 and missed the playoffs for the 12th straight season was a quarterback who protected the football.

Brady, who turns 43 in August, will be counted on to change that.

His career 1.79 interception percentage is the second-best ever behind Aaron Rodgers among players with at least 2,500 career pass attempts.

“Tom is the most successful quarterback in the history of our league, but what makes him so special is his ability to make those around him better,” Bucs coach Bruce Arians said.

“I have had the privilege to work with some of the best passers in our game, and the characteristics they all possessed were the ability to lead and get the best out of their teammates. Tom is no different,” Arians added. “He is a proven winner who will provide the leadership, accountability and work ethic necessary to lead us to our goal of winning another championship.”

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# Community

## ‘It’s all history now’

The question comes again and again: How did Choketown get its name? I’ve been asked that question dozens of times, once as recently as this week. Well, I’ve never been able to give a clear and documented answer, as much as I would like to be able to do so.

Choketown is that cluster of houses along LaFontaine Avenue just south of the railroad overpass. Originally known as Union Mills, the neighborhood has been called Choketown for more than 135 years. The waterworks was once there, along with a store or two, a mill and a grain elevator. The spot was never officially designated Choketown, but the name has been passed along by word of mouth for several generations.

Here’s a note from the Plain Dealer of Jan. 5, 1883, where the newspaper’s Union Mills correspondent, who signed his articles as “Caesar,” spun this story about the odd name:

“It may be that you do not know our town by the name of Union Mills, as it is generally



Pete Jones

known by the nickname that originated many years ago in a circumstance that took place within its borders, and after which it was named Choketown.

“It happened this way: There lived here a family, the head of which was a great, overgrown 200-pounder, the wife a nice little bit of a woman, quiet and inoffensive. This great big overgrown fellow took it into his head to choke the little wife, and so at it went until she became black in the face. She at length found it necessary to resist and jerking herself loose from her husband’s grip she got hold of a chair and whirled it against his calabash, knocking him down. Then and there she made him promise to let her alone, and right there originated the term ‘Choketown.’”

I’ll leave it up to the reader to decide if this story is authentic. If you know another version of how Choketown got its name I hope you will pass it along.

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## Man exonerates teen co-defendant in fatal shooting

FORT WAYNE (AP) — A northeastern Indiana man who pleaded guilty in an October killing told a judge before he was sentenced that a teenage co-defendant played no role in the slaying.

Jermaine Turner, 40, tried to exonerate Anthony M. Mitchell, 19, before a judge sentenced Turner on Thursday to 50 years in prison for the fatal shooting of Pablo Guzman Vasquez, 40.

“It was basically, wrong

place, wrong time,” Turner told Allen County Judge Fran Gull, adding that Mitchell “had nothing to do with it.”

Mitchell’s attorney, Robert Gevers, said during a March 6 hearing that Turner made phone calls after he pleaded guilty in February to murder in Vasquez’s slaying that would clear his client. Court filings say those calls “may be exculpatory in nature for Mr. Mitchell.” The Journal Gazette reported.

## Indiana eateries hunker down and adapt

By HOWARD GRENINGER  
Tribune-Star

TERRE HAUTE — Jeff and Kelly Ford are having to adapt to something not in their business model — providing take-out food and deliveries.

“What we thought of doing four days ago, we are not dreaming about now,” said Jeff Ford, who along with his wife, own and operate J. Ford’s Black Angus, a steakhouse at 7th and Walnut Street in Terre Haute.

“Four days ago we worried about getting the news out that we are always clean and will be extra diligent about it and please trust us,” Jeff Ford said. Now, after Gov. Eric Holcomb’s directive Monday that bars, nightclubs and restaurants be closed to dine-in patrons, that narrative is outdated.

“Now we (will) have take-out services and possibly delivery,” Jeff Ford said.

A post on Charlie’s Pub & Grub’s Facebook page summed up the mood in much of the restaurant business.

“We are saddened by the decision to close restaurants and bars. We understand the reasoning, but share in the fear and trepidation that many small businesses and those in our industry are going through,” Charlie’s wrote. “While safety of our employees and the community is paramount, we prioritize the ability for our employees to provide for their families as a close second.”

Charlie’s is doing everything it can. It is remaining open to provide take-out food and carry out beverages, and delivery is coming. Also, Charlies is planning to implement car hop service in its west lots.

“Please support your favorite local businesses, bars and restaurants,” Charlie’s Facebook post said. “Take

food home from your favorite spots, buy gift cards, buy apparel, tip the staff. Visit early and often when they re-open. It’s going to be a long way back to normal and these places, our places, are going to need the support of their regulars and local community.”

M. Moggers Restaurant & Pub, at 908 Poplar St., closed its doors at 6 p.m. Monday, said Lisa Rogers, general manager of the business.

“We have about 50 employees, and we are still coming up with plans (on what to do during the dine-in shut down) but we are not sure,” Rogers said. “There are a lot of people who are upset about the restaurants closing, and I am as well, but I care about my employees and they have families as well.”

Today was slated to be the biggest single sales day of the year for Sonka Irish Pub, at 1366 Wabash Avenue, as it prepared to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. A clock behind the pub’s bar annually counts down days until the event.

“We’ve got 30 kegs of Irish beer in our cellar, and 160 pounds of corn beef ready to go,” said Sandy Boyles-Gillen, owner of the business. The corn beef was fresh, but will now be frozen. And the beer kegs can keep, Boyles-Gillen said.

“We are just going to celebrate St. Patrick’s in April or whenever things calm down, but the Irish beer will be flowing. So it’s 2020, the year St. Patty’s was postponed,” Boyles-Gillen said.

Sonka closed its doors Monday for extra cleaning. It will

reopen Friday to offer carry-out food service only.

“Patrons will have to call into us to place an order and then the staff will deliver it to them curbside only,” Boyles-Gillen said. “It is what it is, but at least we are all healthy and safe and we will make the very best of it,” she said.

Bev Marlowe, owner of Bev’s Restaurant, 1303 S. 25th St., said she will stay in business with all carry-out.

“I might (have delivery) to the elderly that are my normal customers,” Marlowe said, “but not clear across town. I will do carry-out as I got to. We have carry out all the time, but not everything — but we will figure it out. I have been in this business for 44 years, so I pretty much have it figured it out.”

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By Dr. Robert Schroering

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